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SUBJECT: GOP PROTESTS CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ON WARSAW UPRISING

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: MFA CALLED IN DCM AUGUST 10 AND PROTESTED THE LANGUAGE OF A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ON THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW UPRISING, CATEGORIZING THE RESOLUTION AS A DELIBERATE MISUSE OF THOSE TRAGIC EVENTS AS PART OF THE U.S. PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLAND. DCM REJECTED ACCUSATION AS UNFOUNDED. ACTION REQUEST -- PLEASE SEND TEXT OF THIS RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

3. DEPUTY DIRECTOR MFA DEPARTMENT III PAWLISZEWSKI CALLED IN DCM AUGUST 10 TO DELIVER ORAL PROTEST ABOUT A CONGRESSIONAL JOINT RESOLUTION OF JULY 31(WHICH EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN) ON THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW UPRISING. PAWLISZEWSKI STRONGLY PROTESTED THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION, NOTING THAT IT -- AS WELL AS THE STATEMENTS OF SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (HE NAMED SPECIFICALLY REP SIKORSKI OF MINNESOTA) -- WERE INTENDED NOT AS HOMAGE TO THE HEROES OF THE UPRISING, BUT RATHER AS PART OF THE U.S. PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLAND AND INCITEMENT OF ANTI-SOVIET FEELINGS AMONG THE POLISH PEOPLE. HIS GOVERNMENT WONDERED WHY THE AUTHORS OF THE RESOLUTION DID NOT CONSIDER IT PROPER TO EXPRESS CONDEMNATION OF NAZI CRIMES IN POLAND AND THE NAZI CRIMINAL THEMSELVES, SOME OF WHOM THE GOP KNOWS TO BE IN THE U.S.

3. PAWLISZEWSKI THEN RECALLED THE SPEECH OF PRESIDENT REAGAN AT THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORMANDY D-DAY AND ITS ONLY BRIEF MENTION OF THE POLISH UNITS. SINCE POLES PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THAT CAMPAIGN, THE LACK OF BALANCE SHOWN BY THE CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION "PROVES" IT WAS PASSED ONLY OUT OF POLITICAL, ANTI-POLISH, AND ANTI-SOVIET MOTIVATIONS.

4. DCM, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, REJECTED PAWLISZEWSKI'S CATEGORIZATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION AS PROVA-CATIVE. HE NOTED THAT THE FACTS OF THE WARSAW UPRISING ARE WELL KNOWN TO MANY AMERICANS OF POLISH AND NON-POLISH ORIGIN, INCLUDING MANY OF ITS SURVIVORS. IT WAS THEREFORE WHOLLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE CONGRESS COMMEMORATE THE EVENT; THE

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CHARGE AND MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF DID SO IN LAYING A WREATH AUGUST 1. DCM FIRMLY REJECTED THE NOTION THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS IN ANY WAY ANTI-POLISH BUT NONETHELESS UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY THE GOP PROTEST TO WASHINGTON.

6. COMMENT: PAWLISZEWSKI DELIVERED THE STANDARD POLEMICS WITHOUT PASSION, ALTHOUGH FROM VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION HE HAD HANDY FOR REFERENCE HE WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT OF THE WARSAW UPRISING.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE TEXT OF RESOLUTION. PLEASE PROVIDE.

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